



Food Industry Donations

The work of Capital Area Food Bank is truly a community effort and largely the result of continuing efforts of the food industry community. If not for the regular donations by manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, supermarkets, and growers, there would be little for the food bank and its member agencies to distribute to those in need. Whether the product is excess inventory, cosmetically imperfect, surplus from test marketing, short code dated or minimally out of specification – if it is product you would make use of for your family – the food bank can get it to those who need it most.

Donating food to the Capital Area Food Bank has benefits for your business as well as the community. Here are just a few of the benefits your company could enjoy:

- **WASTE REMOVAL COST REDUCTION:** Unsaleable and usable product can be donated at no cost.
- **GENERATE TAX DEDUCTION:** The 1976 Federal Tax Law (H.R. 10612) permits you to deduct all of the costs of producing, packaging and delivering your products, plus up to 50% of the difference between the cost and the fair market value.
- **ENHANCE INVENTORY CONTROL:** A donation can reduce your surplus of hard-to-move inventory and unsaleables.
- **NO COST COMPANY PROMOTION:** The CAFB promotes our food donors through a variety of communications and marketing materials, from our annual report and website to media outreach and social networking.
- **FOSTER COMMUNITY GOODWILL:** Your support makes your company an active partner in positive change that is admired and respected by the public.
- **INCREASE STAFF MORALE:** Employees feel good about their company salvaging usable food and making a difference in the community.
- **LIABILITY PROTECTION:** All donations are fully covered by the [Federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act](#) which protects those who make good-faith food donations.

For more information or to arrange a food donation please call the Food Resources Department at 202-526-5344 or email foodresources@capitalareafoodbank.org.